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VTN-561

First named inventor: Robert B. Steffen et al.

Application No.: 09/973,645

Art Unit:

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Title: CONTACT LENSES

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

## 1. Petition fee

☐ Small entity-fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
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